

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWSY LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Items of Interest From all Parts of Sumter and Adjoining Counties.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.
Mail your letters so that they will reach this office not later than Monday when intended for Wednesday's paper and not later than Thursday for Saturday's issue. This, of course, applies only to regular correspondence. In case of items of unusual news value, send in immediately by mail, telephone or telegraph. Such news stories are acceptable up to the hour of going to press. Wednesday's paper is printed Tuesday afternoon and Saturday's paper Friday afternoon.

PRIVATEER.
Privateer, March 31.—The farmers of this section have finished planting corn and a few of them are planting cotton. Oats are looking good but are needing rain.

Mr. S. A. Harvin and family spent the week's-end in Pinewood.

Mr. R. H. Ramsey, of Wedgefield, spent Sunday at Mr. W. G. Wells.

Miss Hennie May Bradford, of Sumter, is spending the week at Mr. G. A. Nettles.

Mr. Ben Bradham spent Tuesday in Darlington on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Tisdale, of Paxville, spent Saturday at Mr. E. W. Rivers.

LYNCHBURG.
Lynchburg, April 2.—This has indeed been a remarkable spring, not a single day in March but what would have been an ideal day for the prettiest, most lovely and pleasantest month in the year—May.

Lots of young corn is nearly or quite ready for the plough, and our farmers are taking advantage of the unsurpassed season for preparing the soil. Why, some are planting cotton. No diminution in the cotton acreage or quantity of fertilizers as can be observed.

The roads from early morn till close of day are just lined with vehicles of various makes loaded with fertilizers, and a sack of fertilizer seem as precious as a bag of flour of some weight.

The Lynchburg high school, under its present management and tutorage, is up-to-date in every particular. Educationally this prosperous little town and vicinity is sailing on a delightfully smooth sea without even an occasional wave or ripple of unpleasantness.

Two more new and handsome residences will soon be completed.

Mr. J. T. McNeill who moved back to his old home in Sumter county, was in town last evening, looking quite well.

Our town election for intendant and four wardens will take place on the 12th instant. It is quite probable that the present officials, Col. J. A. Rhame, as intendant and Leroy Tallon, T. G. Griffin, W. E. McIntosh and D. C. Truett, wardens, will be re-elected. It is however, probable that Messrs. D. C. Truett and W. Ernest McIntosh will not stand for re-election.

Mr. L. V. Brown, a wide-awake citizen and business man of this town, recently purchased a handsome automobile, (a Hupmobile), and although he had never run one of these machines three miles before. After fitting one up on the evening of March 31st, took charge of it about dark, and reached this place in a little over two hours. The machine being brand new, the lights did not operate well, yet he met with no accident. This, under the circumstances, was a rather daring and nervous undertaking. Mr. Plummer McIntosh, who accompanied Mr. Brown, gave a rather pathetic description of his feelings. Could only think of, "Now I lay me down in the ditch."

Well, our town is at last, seemingly dry. Dry without and dry within.

DAIZELL.
Daizell, April 4.—We are having very dry weather and a good rain would be very much appreciated now. Oats and gardens are suffering and the corn and cotton will not come up until it rains.

Several have planted a good deal of cotton while others have not commenced putting down their fertilizers yet, but quite a lot will be put down this week. We hear of some who have not got their fertilizers yet.

There seems to be quite a scarcity of cotton seed for planting in this community and those who have them will not sell for less than 65 to 75 cents per bushel. The high price this last season was such an inducement to sell until some sold clean out and now I guess the creditors will have to furnish the cash for a good many of the colored people to buy seed with, if they plant any or they will go lacking.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of attending the quarterly conference for the Providence charge on Saturday the 2nd instant, and meet-

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- ☐ Will have a Flanders, 20 H. P. two days next week for demonstration. Will advise date later.

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ing quite a lot of old friends, who we are always glad to see at Bethesda. We always enjoy going among those kind people around Hagood and those good ladies know how to prepare the good things to satisfy the inner man. After a fine sermon by Rev. M. W. Hook, of the Sumter First Methodist church, the good ladies prepared a bountiful dinner on the grounds, which was enjoyed by all present. The quarterly conference was held and the reports were good. Among those who attended from Daizell were Mr. T. M. Crosswell, Mr. J. C. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Segars, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Martin. At the next quarterly conference, which will be held at Daizell at which time we hope to have the church ready for dedication. A committee has been appointed to decide where the parsonage will be located. Daizell wants the parsonage and so does Remberts and the place that can show up to the best advantage as to location, etc., will get it. When it comes to health Daizell can't be beat, for a doctor can't live here. He would starve to death. So if one comes here he had better have plenty of money before he comes for he won't get it here.

Mr. S. F. Moore is in Sumter this week on the jury.

Mr. E. W. Parker, Jr., was in Sumter Saturday on business.

PISGAH.
Pisgah, April 4.—The drought is getting serious here. Wells are going dry and in places the land is so hard that it can't be plowed.

Cotton planting, (or to be more precise and accurate, the planting of cotton seed), is now in full blast. Some people are done. The bulk of the crop will be finished this week.

Mr. John Shiver got painfully hurt last week by his mule getting scared at an automobile and running away with his wagon. The wagon turned over on him and dragged him some distance. It was a narrow escape that he did not get killed. Some people who own automobiles think, from the way they drive, that no one has any rights on the highway; but themselves. We hope they will turn better after awhile.

The friends of Miss Hattie Hussey deeply sympathize with her in the death of her father.

Mrs. J. W. Robertson gave a dinner last Saturday to her immediate family, in honor of the birthday of her father. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shiver, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dunlap, and Mr. Hussey Dunlap.

Rev. T. L. Cole and Mr. T. W. Hawkins, Sr., spent the day last Thursday with Mr. H. H. Evans.

Mrs. J. W. Robertson and Mr. John Shiver will go to Newberry this week representing Pisgah church Sunday school in the meeting to be held in Newberry.

Everything points to a fine fruit year. The trees are full of young fruit and without severe cold a fine crop will be made.

March was the calmest month the writer ever saw.

Forest fires raged about here all of last week. It is so dry that the woods burned like tinder.

Our Summerton Letter.
Summerton, April 4.—Summerton is very often honored with visits from men of business prominence of the neighboring towns, and it is a noticeable and gratifying fact that these visits appear to be prompted by business intercourse and not merely social relationship. Last week several of Sumter's esteemed men spent several hours in town looking toward the organization of a stock company to control the telephone system operated between this place and Sumter. The service has long been quite unsatisfactory, and our local business men will, no doubt, gladly do their part in promoting any scheme which gives promise of improved conditions. We understand that the desired number of shares has been procured to insure a reformation in the phone system.

Judging from the receipts of building material into town, it would seem that some construction work is contemplated either in new structures or improvement of old.

Dr. W. R. Mood is having lumber hauled into his yard with a view to remodeling his residence, and we hear of others who will do likewise.

Contractor G. C. Nesmith has the plans of the new Methodist church, and hopes soon to begin its erection.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Frank Wells of this place to Miss Susie Brogdon, of Brogdon. Mr. Wells is a highly esteemed young man, and at present holds a responsible position with W. R. Coskrey & Co. We are glad to know that he with his wife will continue to make his home here.

Following upon the Lenten fast, Summerton's social affairs have been renewed with three functions during the past week. Mrs. Hugh McAden Rose, of Wilmington, N. C., the guest

of her sister, Mrs. J. A. James, was the recipient of honors upon two occasions. On Tuesday afternoon from 5 to 6 o'clock, a reception was tendered her by Mrs. James. Assisting Mrs. James in receiving and entertaining were Mesdames Lesesne, Hogan, Lanham, Mood and Capers. The parlors were prettily decorated with wisteria and smilax. The guests entered the left parlor and after being presented to Mrs. Rose were ushered into the dining room where Misses Lucy and Maria Mood, Annie Rutledge and Mildred James served a salad course with coffee; proceeding then to the other parlor Mrs. Ellison Capers presiding at the attractive punch bowl again served them. Those present were: Mesdames Scarborough, Wilson, Rutledge, Strauss, Porter, Richbourg, Will Richbourg, Rhame, Plowden, Anderson, Brailsford, and Howie, and Misses Davis, Blackburn, Plowden, Norris, Harper, Scarborough, Cantey and Anderson.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Ellison Capers entertained in Mrs. Rose's honor. Miscellaneous progressive games were the feature of the evening, and at the conclusion it was found that Mrs. W. H. Anderson had won the first prize, an Easter rabbit; and Mrs. J. M. Plowden and Miss Sallie Anderson drew for the "booby," a diminutive rooster, which was drawn by Mrs. Plowden. Easter favors in the shape of rabbits were given each guest immediately before the serving of refreshments, which upheld Mrs. Capers' reputation for good taste and daintiness. The guests were: Mesdames Richbourg, Lesesne, Richbourg, Hunter, Lanham, Mood, Woodley, Anderson, Plowden, Brailsford, James,

Rose, Kershaw, and Stukes; Misses Laura Colclough, May Davis, Bertha Davis and Anderson.

On Friday, April 1st, the Matron's Book Club met with Mrs. J. M. Plowden. Accepting the liberty that the day offered, Mrs. Plowden substituted for the usual dignified function a most enjoyable outing. A hint previously given by the hostess sufficed to keep the ladies from wearing their "best," and the departure proved very welcome. Two wagons, a surrey, and a buggy appeared at the door after the guests had arrived, and after casting lots they were duly placed in the respective vehicles to go they knew not where. Driven to the Boiling Springs a few miles from town, they were given a kind of picnic, refreshments having been taken along. Seated around on the grass they were served with ice cream, macarons and cake, and wild violets made apropos favors.

The club meets next with Mrs. D. O. Rhame.

MAD DOGS IN FLORENCE.
Florence, April 1.—Paul, the little son of the Rev. Pierce F. Kilgo, presiding elder of the Florence district of the Methodist Church, South, was bitten by a dog that was supposed to be mad yesterday while playing near the gate of the Kilgo home, in South Dargan street. The little fellow was sent to the State Hospital at Columbia for treatment, leaving here this evening.

Last Sunday a child of Mr. Bacot, in the Black Swamp section was bitten by a mad dog and was brought here for treatment in the Florence Infirmary.